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Indigenous issues

Report of the Third Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled:

"Indigenous issues:

"(a) Indigenous issues;

"(b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People"

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Third Committee considered the item at its 18th, 19th and 47th meetings, on 19 October and 24 November 2009. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/64/SR.18, 19 and 47).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people (A/64/338).

4. At the 18th meeting, on 19 October, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/64/SR.18).

5. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the European Union), Iran (Islamic Republic of), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Malaysia, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Australia, Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Canada, Guatemala, Chile, the Russian Federation and Colombia (see A/C.3/64/SR.18).

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II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chairperson

6. At its 47th meeting, on 24 November, on the proposal of the Chairperson, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people (A/64/338) (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

7. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people.[1]

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[1] A/64/338.